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AMEND Senate Bill No. 889*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the staffing and funding levels for assistant public defenders in each judicial district. Such study shall consider the desirability of utilizing a formula to set such staffing levels.

The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The executive directors of the district attorneys general conference and the public defenders conference shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the special joint committee.

All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

All legislative members of the special joint committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and shall be paid as members of the General Assembly are paid for attending legislative meetings as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

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The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundredth General Assembly by January 15, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

Section 2 . This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.